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Governor John Bel Edwards
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Dear Governor Edwards,

For months, Louisiana has come together to help make our State safer during the COVID-19 pandemic. We have flattened the curve and slowed the spread of the coronavirus.

These public health efforts have certainly saved lives, but they have come at a great cost to our economy. The unemployment rate is sky-high and ever soaring; and despite historic federal measures of financial stimulation, thousands of our neighbors have lost their small businesses or jobs forever.

It is imperative we re-open our State and unleash the entrepreneurial spirit of Louisiana's hardworking people. In order to do so, we must not further handicap our job creators and their employees by enacting separate and confusing rules for different industries.

So we write you today to request all of Louisiana's workforce fall under the same regulatory scheme. Bars should not be treated differently than restaurants; massage therapy clinics should not be treated differently than other cosmetology salons; and mom and pop stores should not be treated differently than big box retailers.

The piecemeal method picks winners and losers, crippling small businesses and forcing too many into bankruptcy or closure. We should not allow some businesses to thrive and prosper while killing the American Dreams for others.

Business owners not only have a vested interest in keeping their customers and employees safe, but they also have the knowledge and experience to ensure that happens. We encourage you to change from an onerous and confounding approach with arbitrary occupancy percentage limits to a course that allows all Louisiana businesses to restart at the same level playing field. Doing so can help save our State's economy from further or permanent damage.

For Louisiana,

Representative **Phillip DeVillier**
House District 41

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